

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: GLIDDEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE and MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-02-4
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued June 13, 2002)

On May 1, 2002, Glidden Rural Electric Cooperative (Glidden) and MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25(2) and 199 IAC 20.3(9). A service area agreement between Glidden and MidAmerican was attached to the petition. No objections to the petition were filed.

Glidden and MidAmerican request the Board transfer from Glidden to MidAmerican the service territory in Sac County, Iowa, described as follows:

Beginning in the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 86 North, Range 35 West, Sac County, Iowa; thence proceeding East 1,325 feet along the South line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence proceeding North 1,325 feet along the East line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said section; thence proceeding West 1,325 feet along the North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said section; thence proceeding South 1,325 feet along the West line of the Southwest

Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said section, to the point of beginning.

In support of the petition, Glidden and MidAmerican state that there is presently one customer located in the service territory being transferred. Glidden's single-phase line serving the customer needs replacement, but Glidden has determined it would be more appropriate to build the line in another location. MidAmerican has an electric distribution line in place that is closer to the customer than Glidden's new line. Glidden will retire the three-quarter mile of line presently serving the customer. Glidden and MidAmerican have communicated with the customer and the customer has expressed no objection to the service territory change.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (2001) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the Glidden and MidAmerican joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. Glidden and MidAmerican have alleged facts which establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all

customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries filed by Glidden Rural Electric Cooperative and MidAmerican Energy Company on May 1, 2002, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of June, 2002.